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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN
RACIAL MATTERS

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The following is a summary of developments in the Poor People's Campaign.

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One of our sources at Resurrection City reported that he estimates less than 500 people are residing there now. Another source reported that about 40 campaign participants went to Capitol Hill yesterday morning to attend hearings on economics. They left at 1 PM without incident. Shortly after 3 PM yesterday about 200 people started a demonstration at the Department of Agriculture which is to continue 24 hours a day until the campaign's demands are met. About 160 people were still there this morning. Yesterday about 80 of these

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people went to the United States Capitol to protest proposed legislation to ban camping on park land. They were not allowed to enter the Capitol and rejoined the group at the Department of Agriculture about 6 PM.

Yesterday police arrested two people outside the fence at the campsite for carrying machetes. One of them was reportedly absent without leave from the Army. Two residents of Resurrection City were arrested yesterday for stealing an American flag from around the Washington Monument.

Press reports reflect that a coalition of campus organizations led by the National Student Association, a nationwide organization of college students, pledged support for the June 19, 1968, demonstration and predicted at least 25,000 students would attend. One of our sources advised that a group from the Students for a Democratic Society, a militant youth group which has been extremely critical of United States policy in Vietnam, plans to join the campaign in Washington, D. C., tomorrow for a demonstration at the Office of Education.

The Puerto Rican Day of the Poor People's Campaign originally scheduled for June 8, 1968, is now planned for June 15, 1968, and groups of Puerto Ricans are to come to Washington, D. C., for what is planned to be a peaceful demonstration concerning Puerto Rican demands.

The mule train entered Georgia yesterday and is en route to Atlanta, Georgia.

ACTION:

Pertinent portions of the above are being furnished by teletype to the White House, Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Army, Air Force, and Secret Service. Copies of the teletype are going to the Vice President; the Attorney General; appropriate Divisions of the Department; Navy; the Secretaries of Commerce, Agriculture, Defense, and Labor; the Departments of Transportation and Interior; United States Information Agency; General Services Administration; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and the National Security Agency.